Retro TEE

Get set for cocktail hour with this classic jersey top with a dash of mid-century glamour

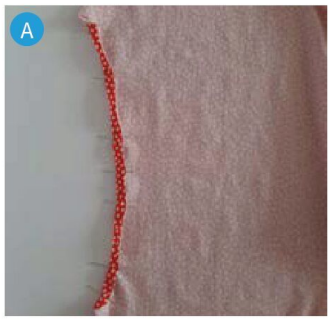
Project **RUTH BROWN** Grinlow Patterns

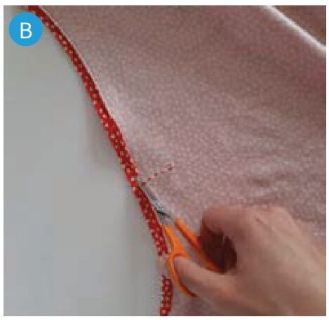
GRINLOW patterns

FIND OUT MORE
RUTH BROWN

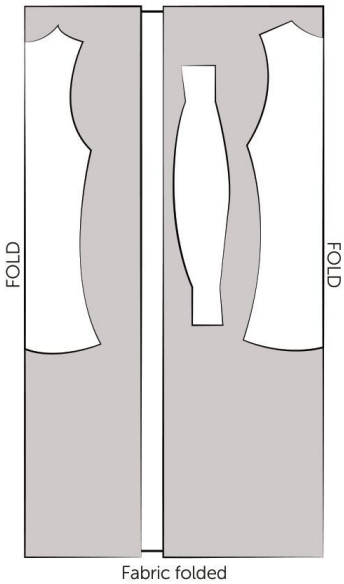
Ruth Brown is a writer and designer creating easy-to-sew patterns for garments, accessories and homewares. Find out more at **www.grinlowstudio.com**

Top tip!
Play around with different fabrics to create structure – how about scuba for a dramatic look?





LAYPLAN:



MATERIALS & TOOLS:

- **0.75 of 150cm wide stretch fabric with at least 30% stretch**
- **co-ordinating thread**
- **templates downloaded from www.craftworld.com/cms/love-sewing**

NOTES:

Use a 1cm seam allowance throughout unless otherwise stated.

Seams can be sewn on a machine with a straight stitch next to a zigzag stitch, a machine stretch stitch, or using an overlocker.

Measurements may be smaller than the size chart due to negative ease in stretch fabric.

CUTTING

From stretch fabric, cut:

- **1 x front**
- **1 x back**
- **2 x sleeves**

HOW TO MAKE

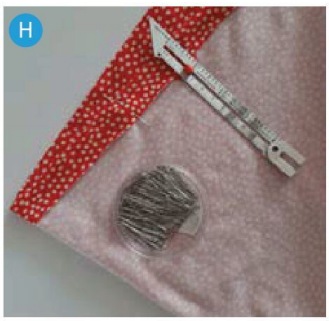
1 Turn 1cm seam allowance WST around front neckline and pin, stretching gently to fit. (See Pic A.)
2 Top stitch in place using either a twin needle or zigzag stitch. Trim seam close to stitching and press. (See Pic B.)
3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the back neckline.
4 Sew front and back together at the shoulder, RST, lining up the neckline stitching. (See Pic C.) Press seam to the back.
5 Stitch front and back bodice RST at side seams, matching notches. Press.

SIZE CHART:

	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Bust	83	87	92	97	102	107	112
Waist	64	67	71	76	81	86	91
Hip	88	92	97	102	107	112	117

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Bust	79	82	86	93	99	105	114
Waist	70	73	78	84	90	97	104
Hip	76	81	85	91	97	103	111
Nape to hem	56	56.5	57	58	59	60	61



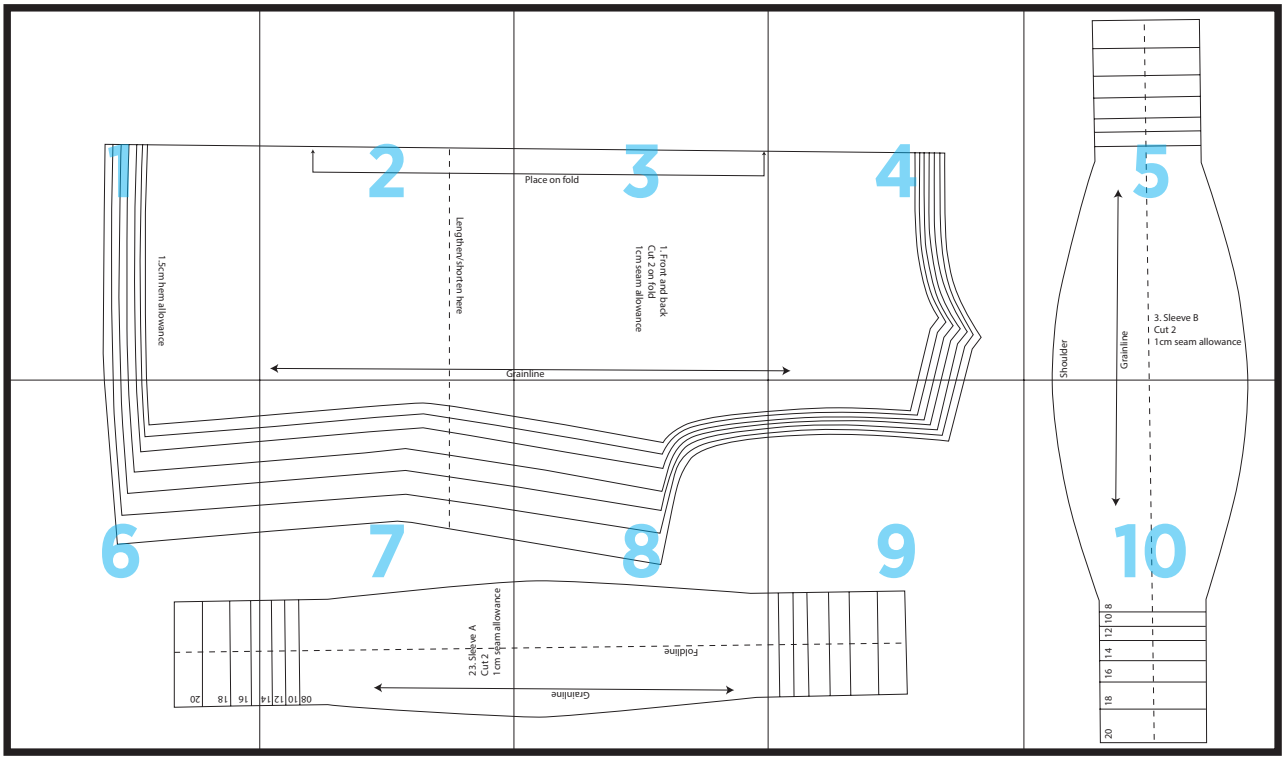
6 Stitch short ends of sleeve band RST. Press. (See Pic D.)
7 Fold sleeve in half, WST, and press. Baste raw edges together within 1cm seam allowance. (See Pic E.)
8 Turn the bodice inside out and pin the folded sleeve to the armhole, RST, matching shoulder notch and underarm seams. (See Pic F.) Stitch, finish edges and press. (See Pic G.)
9 Topstitch seam allowance of sleeve band around armhole (optional).
10 Turn and press a 2cm hem. Pin and stitch. (See Pic H.)
11 Trim raw edge of hem close to stitching and press.

Sew this skirt with Love Sewing issue 116

Shopping list

Cotton jersey stretch knit fabric, £20.99 per metre and Art Gallery Fabrics Sun Kissed Cotton Jersey Stretch Knit Fabric Sunspots Strawberry, £24.99 per metre from **www.minerva.com**

Retro Tee


1
1.5cm hem allowance
2
Lengthen/shorten here
3
Place on fold
1. Front and back
Cut 2 on fold
1cm seam allowance
Grainline
4
5
Shoulder
Grainline
3. Sleeve B
Cut 2
1cm seam allowance
6
7
8
9
10
2 3. Sleeve A
Cut 2
1cm seam allowance
Foldline
Grainline
08 10 12 14 16 18 20
8 10 12 14 16 18 20

1.5cm hem allowance

www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

1

2

Lengthen/shorten here

G

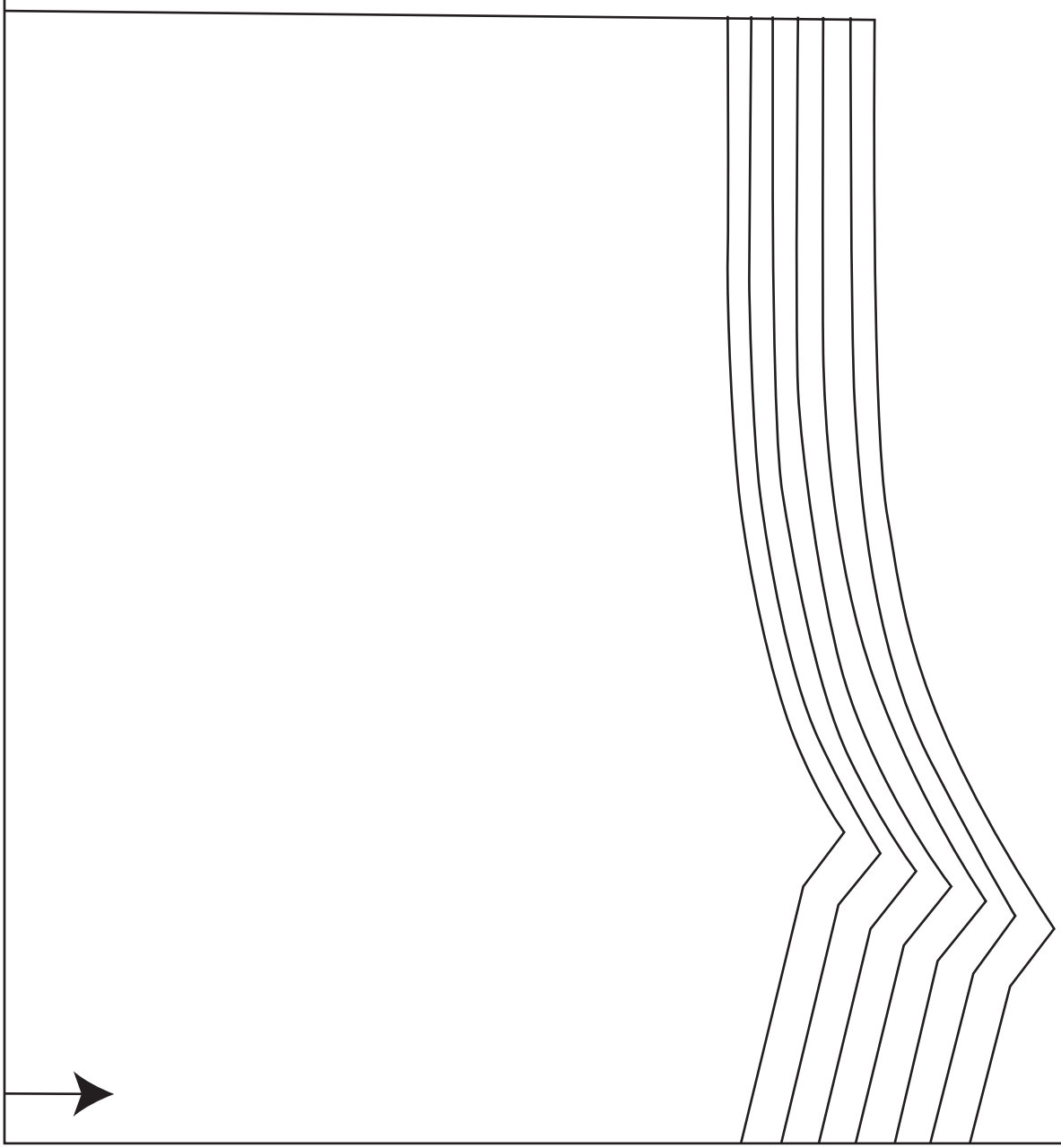
3

Place on fold

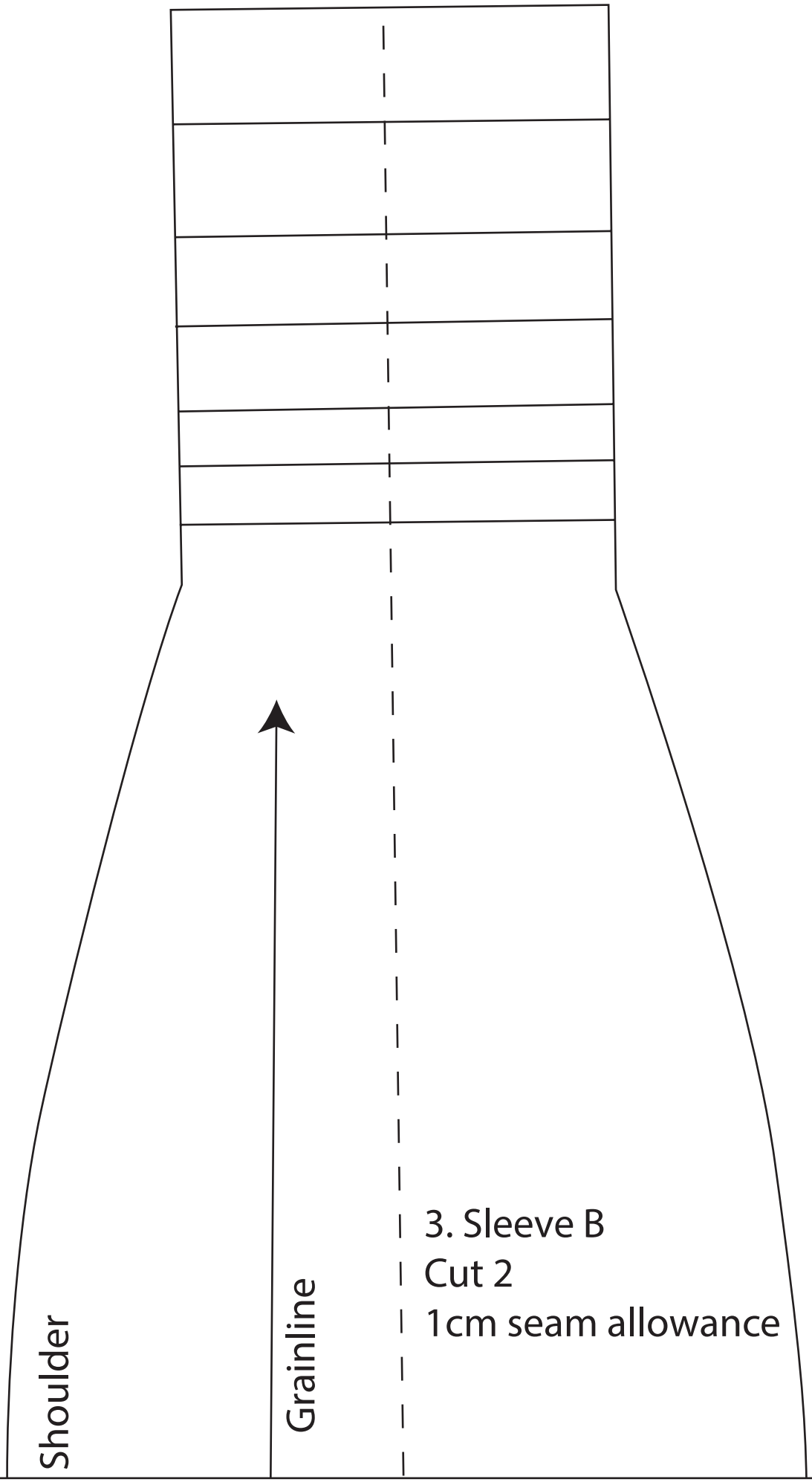
1. Front and back
Cut 2 on fold
1cm seam allowance

rainline

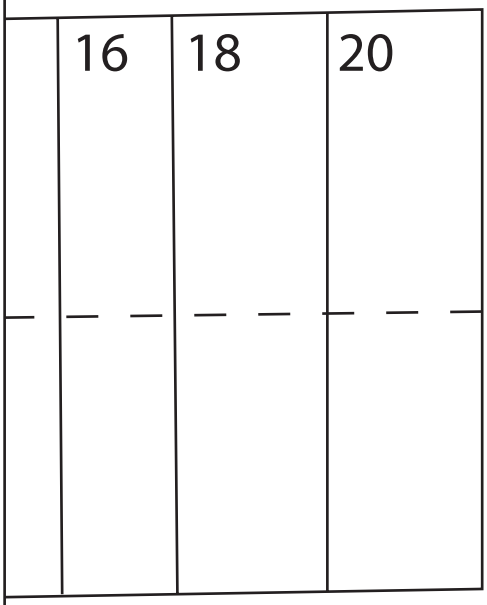
4

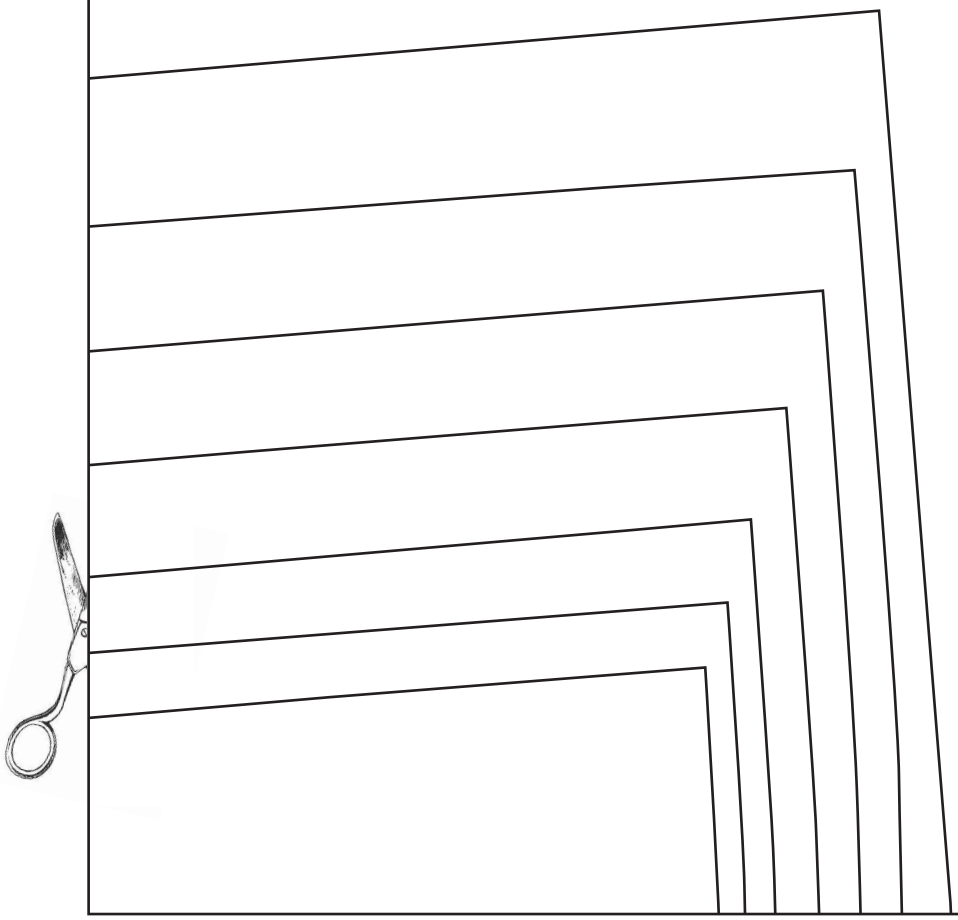


5



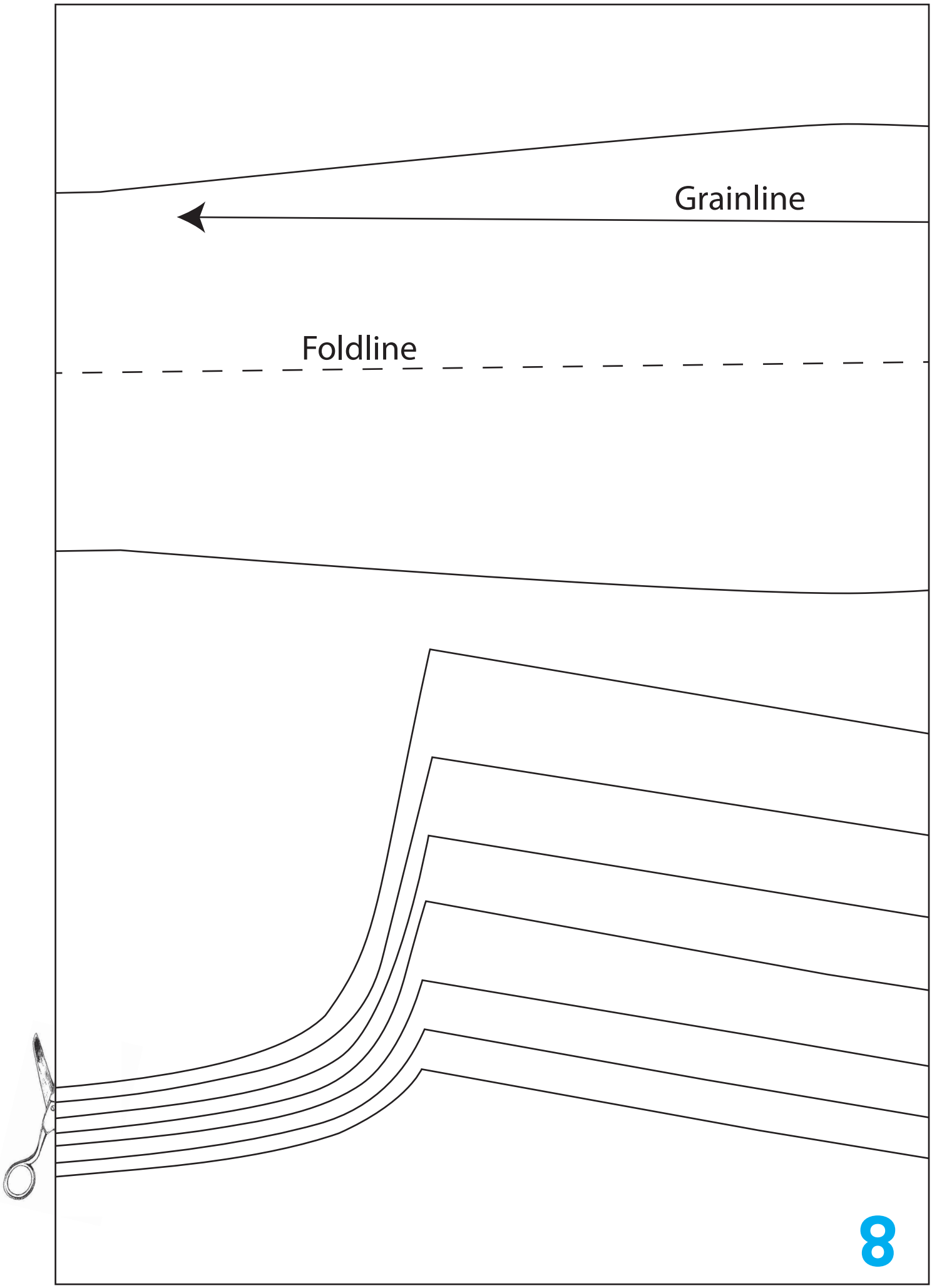
3. Sleeve B
Cut 2
1cm seam allowance


16
18
20

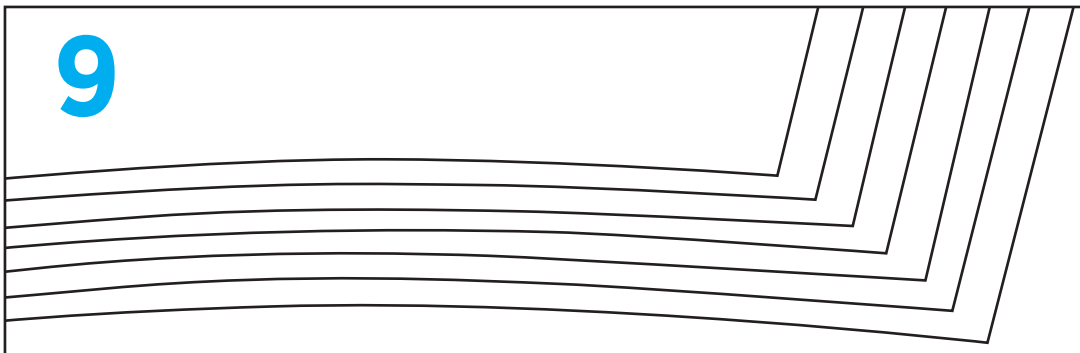


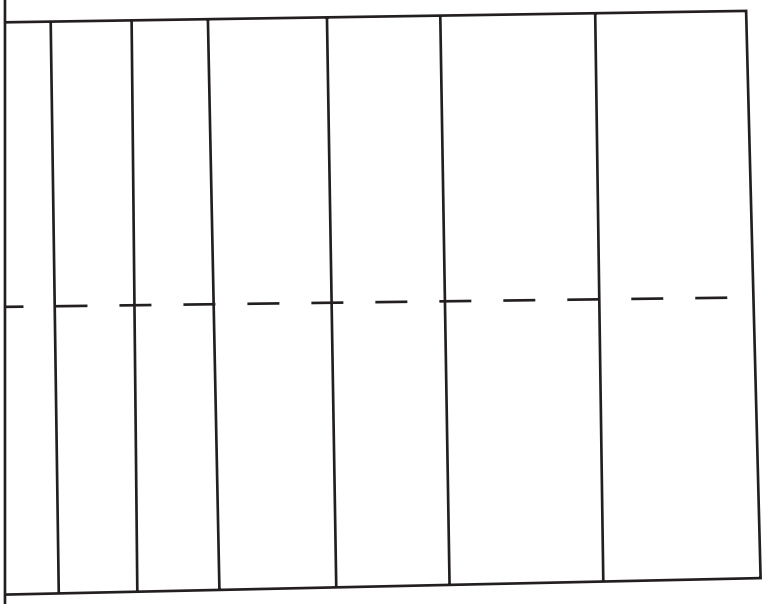
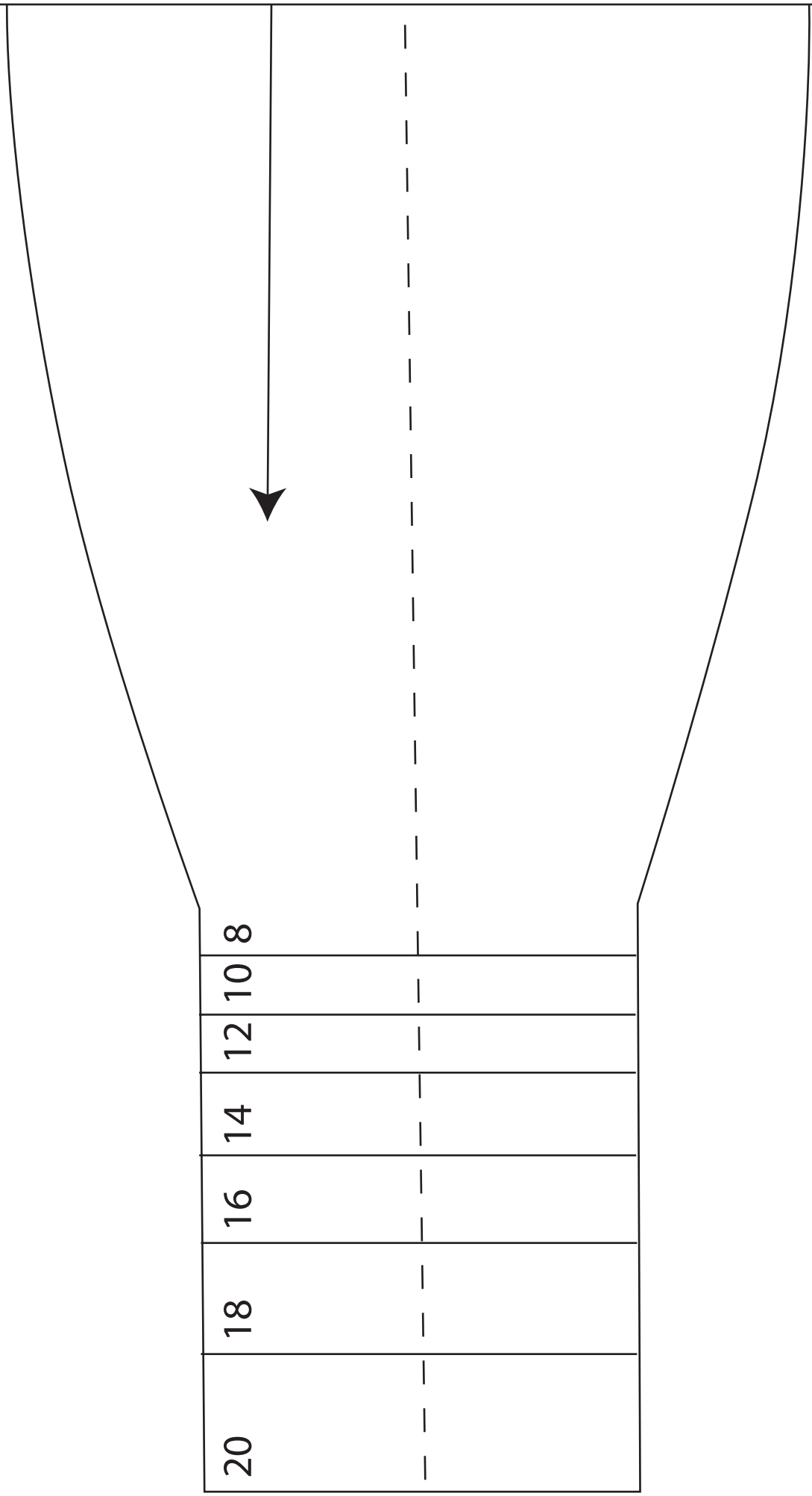
7
23. Sleeve A
Cut 2
1cm seam allowance
08
10
12
14

www.craftworld.com



9





10